

St Thomas the Apostle Parish Camp Hill



No. 6

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

14th February 2021

We are happy to Welcome our new families to the Parish on a day humanity expresses the theme of love. As a Parish, we have retained this aspect of our Parish life and ministry, and as such have used it to build a sense of pastoral care for others in a way that mirrors Jesus' care for people and his recommendation for his disciples to do the same. This is nothing new to us because every weekend before the start of Mass, we say our Parish prayer to not only remind ourselves that we are companions on a journey with our sisters and brothers, but also to lean on the fervent hope given through sharing in the one bread and one Chalice being our assurance of Christ abiding presence.



This same mindset featured in last weekend's reflection by the Archbishop which was very inspiring and encouraging as it was invitational. He pointed out among other things that, "the journey of faith was never meant to be taken alone. It's hard work at times and pretty well impossible if we go it alone. That's not what Jesus wants for us; he doesn't ask us to do the impossible. He wants us to find sisters and brothers who travel with us, love us, support us, listen to us, advise us, even correct us if need be. That's what the Church is meant to be.."

Of course, we want a Church that is willing to remain relevant to our modern world; a Church whose readiness to love a sister or brother may mean that she renounces her self-comfort to become mission Church.

For us, this weekend is another example of being an engaging Church. We want to let our new families know that they are welcomed and accepted as they are. It is also a thanksgiving Mass to God who accepts us as we are. In the Gospel, Mk 1:40-45, Jesus leaves us with an example of an encounter rather than rejection; an encounter that left the leper clean and gave him new strength. This singular act from Jesus shows us that in the new family he established, nobody is exempted or excluded. Our Parish lives the same lifestyle of inclusion and reconnection that lasts and bears fruit. Therefore we invite our new families to always feel free to connect with the Parish; ask questions regarding sacraments; and pastoral engagement. Our effective Parish staff are ever ready to answer your questions. We look forward to keeping in touch and are very hopeful that your minute to minute experience and visit to our parish can be of beneficial spiritual help to you always.

Welcome!!
Fr Christopher

WHY THE ASHES: The meaning of Ash Wednesday

- + Ash Wednesday is the day Lent begins, 40 days before Good Friday
- + Ashes were a common sign of repentance in the Old Testament
- + Ashes also symbolise mourning and penance, in this case grief for our sins
- + The Ashes remind us of our mortality. When the priest puts the ash on our forehead he says 'Thou art dust and unto dust thou shalt return'.
- + The Ashes are made by burning the blessed palms from last year's Palm Sunday celebration



Ash Wednesday falls on
Wednesday 17th February 2021.

Mass will be celebrated at
9am and 7pm

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1st reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 *As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.*

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10: 31– 11:1 *Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.*

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45 *The leprosy left him and he was cured.*

Positions Vacant—Archdioceses of Brisbane

1. Evangelisation Brisbane - Project Officer, Children & Families

Applications are open for the above position. The position is a full-time 37.5 hour role from Monday to Friday.

2. Archbishop's Office - Admin Assistant / EA Support

Applications are open for the above full-time 37.5 hour positions. The Archbishop's Office is currently seeking three applicants to fill these positions.

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for workers to maintain a safe and healthy environment for children. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct working with children checks and background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children and young people (0 - 18 years) and/or vulnerable adults. The organisation is fully committed to child safety and has 0 tolerance to abuse of children or vulnerable adults.

Mass for Fr Pat Dowd

Fr Pat Dowd, a resident of St Thomas' Villas for many years and a very familiar face around the parish, passed away on Wednesday 10th February.

We are very thankful to Fr Dowd who was always generous in giving his time to celebrate Mass with us.

Next Friday 19th February you are invited to join Fr Christopher at our 9am Parish Mass to pray for Fr Dowd.

May he Rest in Peace

PLEASE NOTE: MASS CANCELLATION

9am Mass on Thursday 18th February is cancelled as Fr Dowd's funeral is being celebrated at the Cathedral of St Stephen that morning and Fr Christopher will be concelebrating. Fr Dowd's funeral will be livestreamed via archbne.org/bzw.



Message from The Little Kings Movement

Please note, this year due to Covid-19, there will be no annual Collection for Little King Movement for people with disabilities.

All parishioners are sincerely thanked for their generous and long time support of this appeal over nearly 40 Years, for which St Thomas' can be very proud.

God Bless, Paul and Kay Bertini

Pray for Vanuatu

World Day of Prayer Service 2021



Date: 5th March 2021

Time: 10am

Location: St James Church, 165 Old Cleveland Rd, COORPAROO 4151

Contact the Parish Office if you would like to carpool.

A cash collection during the Service will support a Trauma Healing Project in the Pacific Islands.

Community is much more than belonging to something;
It's about doing something together
that makes belonging matter'

~ Brian Solis ~

ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN:

Year 7 in 2023 (boys currently in Year 5)

Applications close Friday 19 February 2021

Parent Information Evening for Prospective Families Weds 17 February at 7pm in IPAC (Iona Performing Arts Centre)

Year 5 in 2023 (boys currently in Year 3)

Enrolment Applications close Friday 4 June 2021

Year 5 2023 Parent Information Evening for Prospective Families Tuesday 11 May at 7.00pm in IPAC (Iona Performing Arts Centre)

For an Enrolment application form, to book at College tour or for more information about Iona College: <http://iona.qld.edu.au/enrol/>

For further assistance, please contact the Iona College Registrar, Mrs Julia MacDonald on 3893 8801 or enrol@iona.qld.edu.au



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Project Compassion Sunday 14th February



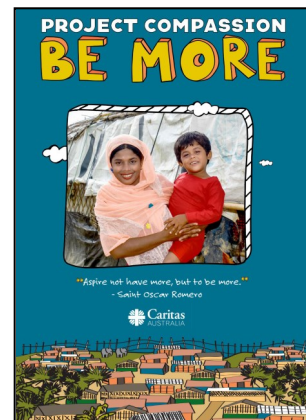
Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed **"Be More"**.

As Saint Oscar Romero said, "Aspire not to have more, but to be more."

Through your generosity and by aspiring to "Be More", you are assisting some of the world's most vulnerable people build better futures for themselves, their families and their communities.

Thank you for being more!

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes,
or by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion
or phoning 1800 024 413.



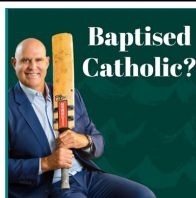
Centacare provides practical and pastoral activities each weekday at the Mental Health Hub in Fortitude Valley for people living with a mental health issue.

Centacare mental health workers can support people with their NDIS application process, or explore other sources of funding if not NDIS eligible. Centacare also offers a pastoral and spiritual care program at the Fortitude Valley site which is free to join.

For information or to register interest please contact Centacare on 3853 7400

Or email:

ccsbrisbanesouthgeneral@bne.centacare.net.au



Baptised Catholic?

CALL TO ALL CATHOLICS

In an ad campaign running across February/ March featuring international cricketer, Matthew Hayden, the Archdiocese of Brisbane is inviting all baptised Catholics to reflect upon what it means to them. They

are looking for your help to:

- Pray for the opening of hearts
- Accompany those who are seeking
- Welcome new faces

There are fliers available in the church which you can give to family, friends, or colleagues who might be interested. To sign up to be an accompanier, to join the prayer, or to find out more, go to: www.evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/baptisedcatholic

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PARISH TEAM:

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PARISH GIVING

We are very grateful to each of you who contribute towards our parish and we rely on your planned giving donations to cover everyday costs including maintenance, staff, office supplies and insurance, as well as to provide professional and pastoral services including sacramental preparation. There are more ways than ever that you can contribute financially, including our Parish Giving app which makes it easier than ever. To find out more go to:

www.camphillcatholicparish.org.au/planned-giving.html. Thank you.



We remember in our prayers

The sick: Joan Scott, Humberto Villalta, Nes Mustafa, Joan Bulew, Jolanda Villalta, Dan Bishop, Shirley Murphy, Olive Kiely, Sue Douglas, Tom Grant, Lauren Balcombe, Fr Ted Houlihan, Lola Radford, Sonia Mendez, Fr Ron Mollison, Cletus Obi, Mark, Marjorie Cusack, Joe Sherlock, Sue Lamb, Peter Owen, Jacob Mu, Annette Bongiorno, Fr Pat Dowd

Recently Deceased: Fr Pat Dowd, Joan Smith

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Marie Roberts, John (Jack) Cannon, Patrick O'Gorman, John McGovern, Theresa Poole, William Simson, Eileen Crowley, Maureen Sheridan, Kevin Eickenloff, Thelma Bradshaw, Dean Bonke, Barbara Woodroffe, Cecilia Buskey, Mona Costa, Joseph 'Gerard' Cremin, Anne-Maree Denaro, Grace Dalziel, Terry Cooney, Anastasia Forster, Rosemary McDonald, Peggy Cannon, John Roborgh